

**Public Legal Education  
Association of Saskatchewan Inc.**



**2006 Annual Report**

# What is PLEA

The Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan (PLEA) is a non-profit, non-government, charitable organization which exists to educate, inform, and empower through law-related education.

PLEA provides general information on the law rather than legal advice for specific problems. Knowledge of the law (our rights and responsibilities) is a form of responsible citizenship. Public awareness of, and involvement in, legal issues can increase the effectiveness of our legal system. To this end, PLEA offers a number of services and materials.

PLEA offers presentations on various areas of the law through our Speakers Bureau service in which organizations can request presentations on an area of the law which directly interests them. Lectures are given by volunteer lawyers, government personnel, and other professionals.

PLEA produces publications on many areas of the law and makes these available to the public at no charge. PLEA also writes a newspaper article series, run weekly in many Saskatchewan newspapers.

PLEA's Youth and Schools Program strives to promote the integration of law-related education into the schools. We develop classroom resources and teacher education programs on teaching about the law.

*Thank you very much for all your help the other day. When I called you, I was really upset, but you took the time to listen to my problems and help me understand how the law applied to my situation. I feel like I can now cope with my problems so much easier after understanding the law better. The publications that your organization makes gave me even more information and they were so easy to understand. I went to your website like you suggested and I found so much information.... You really do a wonderful job there and I hope that you can keep helping people like me for many more years.*

- Z.S.

*The organization I belong to had a session last week on Wills and Estates. I learned so much about Wills. I never thought that I needed a Will before that day but the speaker opened my eyes. You should do more presentations on topics like that. I'm sure that other people will learn a lot from them too. Thanks.*

- D.B.

*As a new teacher I was thrilled to find out about PLEA. You have so many good resources for teachers. I look forward to using your lesson plans and incorporating law into many of my subjects. Thanks again for all the great work you do.*

- A.N.

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# 2006 Highlights

- PLEA received funding from the Department of Justice Canada's Youth Justice Renewal Initiative Fund to develop an Electronic Youth Justice Intermediary Training Module ([www.plea.org/yj-itg](http://www.plea.org/yj-itg)). The module provides accessible youth justice training for intermediaries working with youth at risk or other clients involved in the youth justice system and was adapted from PLEA's *Youth Justice Intermediary Training Guide*.
- Funds were also received from the Department of Justice Canada's Youth Justice Renewal Initiative Fund to develop and adapt youth justice materials to address an identified gap regarding Aboriginal communities. Work on a middle years teacher resource with information about the youth justice system, educational activities and lesson plans was started in 2006.
- PLEA received funding over two years from the Department of Justice Canada's Child-Centred Family Justice Fund to develop a booklet focusing on parental responsibilities for parents dealing with separation and divorce. The booklet contains a pull-out directed at children whose parents are separating or divorcing and provides an opportunity for parents to discuss with their children changes in a child's life when parents no longer live together and to reinforce with their children that their obligations as parents will continue. Work on this booklet and pull-out was started in 2006.
- Under a contract with the Office of the Treaty Commissioner, PLEA developed, researched and wrote a report, *Treaties and the Law*, which explains the role and place of treaties in the Saskatchewan and Canadian legal system and a teacher's guide which provides useful activities, instructional resources and teaching hints on the topic of treaties and the law. PLEA also participated in the development of a DVD to accompany the *Treaties and the Law* package. The materials are to support the Saskatchewan Law 30 Curriculum with respect to treaties.
- PLEA entered into a contract with Collaborative Lawyers of Saskatchewan to develop a booklet on the practice of collaborative law covering topics such as an explanation of collaborative law as an alternate dispute resolution process, a detailed explanation of the process and a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of collaborative law. Substantial work on this booklet was completed in 2006.
- A major undertaking in 2006 was the introduction of online companion pieces to the school newsletter, *The PLEA*. Dedicated specifically to teachers, these new resources consist of lesson plans, activities, handouts, and worksheets for the classroom. They link the content of *The PLEA* to the Saskatchewan Learning curriculum, and teachers can use them "out of the box" in their classrooms. The debut resource, *Municipalities Matter – Local Governments and Civic Elections*, scored a record number of hits on PLEA's Youth and Schools website.

## Our Mission

The Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan (PLEA) is a non-profit, non-government, charitable organization which exists to educate, inform, and empower through law-related education. For more information visit our website at [www.plea.org](http://www.plea.org).

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# 2006 Highlights

## Welcome

In July, PLEA welcomed Jonas Kiedrowski as Youth and Schools Program Coordinator. Previously the senior English Language Arts and Social Sciences teacher at Leader Composite School, Jonas brings a wealth of teaching and practical classroom experience to the Youth and Schools Coordinator position.

- Popularity of *Currents* and *Just Law* required a reprint and gave PLEA's new Youth and Schools Coordinator the opportunity to review and make additions to this material before it was reprinted.
- Revisions and reprints for the year included *Older Adults and the Law*, *Special-care Homes* as well as a number of other publications.
- The popular *A Guide to the Law for Saskatchewan Women* was revised, updated and re-printed with assistance from the Status of Women Office, Saskatchewan Labour.
- PLEA's *Small Claims Court* booklet was re-written and re-printed in response to new legislation.
- During 2006, PLEA received sponsorship support from Deloitte & Touche Inc. towards the cost of printing the *Debts and Credit* booklet and from Selected Independent Funeral Homes to cover all printing costs of the popular booklet *A Death in the Family*. PLEA is very grateful for their support.
- With the help of an outside consultant, an evaluation of the PLEA website was conducted to ensure that it is an effective way of delivering legal information. PLEA recognizes the importance of people being able to access information online, as well as the cost-savings associated with posting material online rather than providing print copies. PLEA is now in the process of reviewing the results and recommendations of the evaluation and developing a plan for a website upgrade.
- In an effort to provide quality legal information, evaluation forms for various PLEA activities including publications, teacher resources, Speakers Bureau and School Law presentations have been developed. Tear-out pre-paid postage evaluation cards are now included in all new printings of PLEA publications. An evaluation form for the teacher resources was also developed and included in the two teacher resources that were printed in 2006. This form is also available online. PLEA is in the process of developing evaluation forms for the PLEA website (both for the general public and the youth and schools areas of the site) and for the school newsletter, *The PLEA*.

*I just had another one of your terrific newsletters land on my desk. This one was on Contract Law. I noticed it was created in line with the high school law curriculum. They must be very popular. Congratulations on another great project.*

- S.B.

# President's Message

PLEA is a dynamic organization that is constantly evolving and changing to meet the needs of the diverse audiences that it services. The ability to stay current and relevant is in no small part due to the PLEA staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff who strive for excellence in the delivery of legal education and information to citizens, young and old across Saskatchewan. Whether it is enhancing the website, updating existing material to ensure our information is current or creating new material, the performance of our staff is exceptional.

Volunteers are also a critical component of PLEA's success. The members of the Board, the legal profession, judiciary and others contribute to the delivery of public legal information. A special thank you to two outgoing board members, both past Presidents of PLEA, Donna Scott, Q.C. and Andrew Mason. These two individuals made significant contributions to the leadership of the organization and their guidance and knowledge will be missed. Congratulations to Bryan Salte who is the 2006 recipient of the Cam Partridge Memorial PLEA Volunteer of the Year Award.

Over the past year the Board has worked closely with staff to evaluate the services currently provided. This analysis is intended to ensure efficient and effective services and to provide our many funders, especially the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan, with information confirming that their contributions are serving the needs of the people of Saskatchewan.

*Glenda Cooney, Vice President.  
- on behalf of Norma Sim Q.C.,  
President.*

## BOARD

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# Executive Director's Message

PLEA continues to meet with tremendous success in providing public legal education and information (PLEI) to the people of Saskatchewan. Over the past year, our dynamic organization has taken on many challenges, including those in the areas of new technologies, outreach to groups who may be most in need, evaluation, funding, and planning. We continue to generate high quality PLEI products and services for our communities.

We know that web-based technology and electronic information delivery is to be evermore important in meeting our mission. We believe our website contains a volume of information that may be one of the largest of its kind. But we know it must also be as accessible and user-friendly as possible for the public. Over the past year, we have examined the website, consulted with experts in the field, and will continue striving to improve this mode of information delivery.

Evaluation forms have been developed for our various activities and services so that we may learn more about the value of our work and how it may be improved.

## Staff

Joel Janow	Executive Director
Shelly Simons	Administrative Coordinator
Carol Colville	Financial Administrator
Allyson Gagne	Legal Writer
Jocelyn Gagne	Legal Writer
Jonas Kiedrowski	Youth & Schools Coordinator
Peggy Welter	Program Assistant
Ferne Hebig	Program Assistant

We have met with success in the past year in our attempts to diversify our funding base. We are always striving to open up more opportunities in this respect.

We have focused on strategic planning for PLEA, including looking at future goals, organizational drivers, and program prioritization. Our Board has been involved in such planning and work in this regard will be ongoing.

Many important projects were completed or begun in 2006, as outlined earlier in this report. Many of these will assist people who may be most in need of legal information. We have recently entered into project agreements to produce exciting new PLEI resources in the coming year.

*Thank you so much for sending the wonderful material on "Teaching Human Rights". I know the material you have shared will be very helpful in our 7 country project focused on the human rights of children, ethnic minorities and migrant workers in Asia.*

- M.B.

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# Executive Director's Message

We are extremely grateful for the continued strong support of the members of the Law Foundation of Saskatchewan. The Department of Justice Canada and Saskatchewan Justice also provide core financial support. The Department of Justice Canada provides PLEA with much project funding. Also highly important to us are the volunteer contributions of the provincial Bar, College of Law, Saskatchewan Legal Aid Commission, Saskatoon Public Library, public libraries and community colleges throughout the province, and the Canadian Bar Association, Saskatchewan Branch. Many of these agencies contribute membership to our Board of Directors. We are very thankful for the support, wisdom and guidance our Board members have always provided to PLEA. We extend special thanks at this time to outgoing Board members Donna Scott, Q.C., and Andrew Mason, each for ten years of truly outstanding service to our organization. Without the support of those named above, little of our work would be possible. We thank everyone involved.

Much of our work would also be impossible if not for the efforts of our volunteers. They sit on our Board of Directors; they assist in the development of our materials; and they make public presentations for PLEA – to name but a few of their efforts. They are greatly appreciated. In addition, it is my pleasure to take this opportunity to advise that our PLEA Volunteer of the Year for 2006 is Saskatoon lawyer, Mr. Bryan E. Salte. Bryan was presented with the Cam Partridge Memorial PLEA Volunteer of the Year Award for the countless Legal Information Sessions and Speakers Bureau presentations he has made to the citizens of Saskatoon over the years. Thank you again, Bryan. You are an inspiration to us all.

Lastly, I would like to thank our fine staff for their efforts, dedication and commitment in making this another successful year for PLEA. Their contributions toward meeting our mission are immense, and words cannot adequately describe my appreciation. Thank you all.

*Joel Janow, Executive Director.*

*Congratulations and thank you for the wonderful and important service you have provided to the Saskatchewan public over the last 25 years. I would also like to say how impressed I am with your website, particularly the youth justice site. I am currently working on updating our youth site to be more interactive and fun, and in my research I came across your site and was taken by its clever layout and great design! Thanks again!*

*- G.G.*

*We appreciate the work carried out by PLEA, particularly all the publications that provide the public with an introduction to a particular area of consumer law. These publications are well written and are distributed regularly to consumers that are in contact with our office. Your web site... contains a wealth of information.*

*- L.W.*

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# Adult Programming

- 25 Speakers Bureau presentations were delivered
- 590 requests for legal information
- 25 volunteers presented programs throughout the province
- 125 contribution-in-kind professional hours were committed to by volunteers
- 148,710 publications were distributed
- 80,944 publications were accessed online
- 11,490 homepage hits at [www.plea.org](http://www.plea.org)
- 4,657 “A Look at the Law” articles were accessed online
- 654 hits to the Intermediary Training Guide webpage
- 409 hits to the Family Law Intermediary Online Training Module
- 226 hits to the Youth Justice Intermediary Online Training Module
- 1,926 homepage hits to the Youth Justice Online website

*Thank you for your quick response and clarification on this matter.*

- M.G.

*Thanks so much for the information. I know that your organization does not provide legal advice, but the information you provided reinforced the beliefs that we both had about the legal system surrounding this situation.*

- J.A.

*I'm a student at the University of Regina. I was recently given a presentation in one of my classes in which this booklet [A Guide to the Law for Saskatchewan Women] was used and I think it is an excellent resource. I would really appreciate a copy. Thank you so much!*

- V.F.

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# Youth and Schools Programming

*Thanks for your help. I found what I wanted and will use it with my civics class.*

- A.S.

*Thank you very much for your time and information. I went to court to plead guilty but after explaining to the judge what happened he dismissed the summons.*

- M.J.

*Our agency has been using these booklets [A Guide to the Law for Saskatchewan Women] to pass onto women who attend our agency who are in need of information. Most of the women who have received these booklets are women who are leaving abusive relationships. Our agency has found that these booklets have been very helpful to the women. We are currently out of books and would appreciate receiving another shipment. Although we have requested 50 booklets we certainly could use more than that.*

- S.S.

- 511 Teacher's Resources distributed
- 8 School Law presentations
- 2,925 copies of *The PLEA* distributed
- 2,688 Teacher's Resources accessed online
- 2,302 homepage hits to the Youth & Schools website
- 8 volunteers presented programs throughout the province
- 40 contribution-in-kind professional hours were committed to by volunteers
- 1,105 homepage hits to the League of Peaceful Schools homepage
- 214 members of the League of Peaceful Schools
- 51 members renewed their commitment to the League of Peaceful Schools

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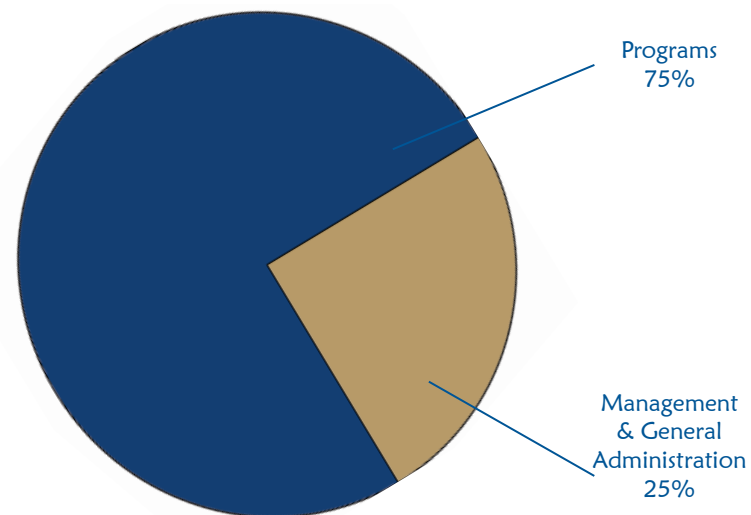
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# Financial Summary

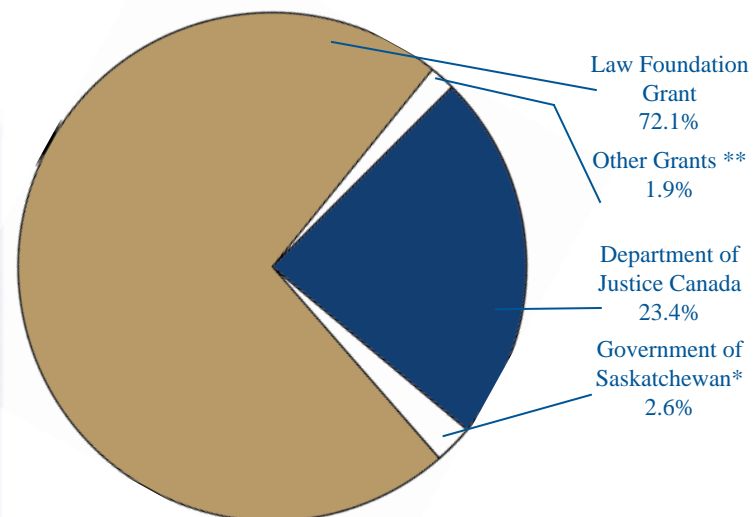
Revenue	2006	2005
Grants	\$ 658,599	\$ 684,216
Donations and Sponsorship	110	1,535
Advertising	3,000	-
Interest	4,899	2,036
Memberships	615	430
Miscellaneous	4,872	4,344
Portfolios	1,100	1,250
Publications	248	967
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>673,443</b>	<b>694,778</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>669,184</b>	<b>689,284</b>
<b>Excess of Revenue Over Expenses</b>	<b>4,259</b>	<b>5,494</b>
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>58,988</b>	<b>53,494</b>
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 63,247</b>	<b>\$ 58,988</b>

To obtain a complete Financial Statement, please contact PLEA.

## 2006 Expenses



## 2006 Grants



\* includes Saskatchewan Justice; Status of Women Office, Saskatchewan Labour

\*\* includes Office of the Treaty Commissioner; Collaborative Lawyers of Saskatchewan Inc.

### The Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan is funded by:

- The Law Foundation of Saskatchewan

### With grants and assistance from:

- Department of Justice Canada
- Saskatchewan Justice

### Additional funding in 2006 received from:

- Status of Women Office, Saskatchewan Labour
- Collaborative Lawyers of Saskatchewan Inc.
- Office of the Treaty Commissioner
- Deloitte & Touche Inc.
- Selected Independent Funeral Homes

FINANCIAL

# Current Publications

## Pamphlets

Arrest  
Assault  
Babysitting  
Becoming a Lawyer\*  
Being a Witness in Criminal Court  
Bicycling  
Busted  
Child Abuse and Neglect  
Child and Spousal Maintenance  
Child Protection Services  
Custody and Access  
Debts  
Going to a Lawyer  
Going to Criminal Court  
Going to Youth Justice Court  
Harassment, Intimidation and Threats  
Health Care Directives  
HIV/AIDS, The Law and You  
Jail or Bail  
Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common?  
Ka-otini-kawiywan ispihk (Arrest, Plains Cree)\*  
Kipahokawin (Arrest, Woods Cree)\*  
Legal Careers\*  
Names and Changes of Names  
Peace Bonds  
Renting a Home - overview  
Sexual Assault  
Single Parents - overview  
Social Assistance: Appeals  
Social Assistance: Applying  
Social Assistance: Special Needs, Advances, Overpayments  
Youth Criminal Justice Act

## Booklets

Abuse of Older Adults  
Abusive Relationships  
Administrative Law  
Automobiles - Buying and Selling\*  
Buying and Selling a Home  
Buying Stuff\*  
Consumer Contracts\*  
Consumer Fraud\*  
Consumer Wisdom\*  
Criminal Law  
A Death in the Family  
Debts and Credit  
Drugs, Alcohol and the Law  
Environmental Law and the Farmer  
Farm Financial Difficulties  
A Guide to the Law for Saskatchewan Women  
Human Rights  
Non-Profit Organizations  
Older Adults and the Law  
Patients' Rights  
Power of Attorney  
Renting a Home  
Single Parents  
Small Claims Court  
Special-care Homes  
Warranties and Guarantees\*  
When Couples Separate  
Wills and Estates

## Teacher Resources

Criminal Trials - A Road Map - poster  
Court of Queen's Bench - poster  
Court System in Canada - poster  
Currents: Exploring Traditional Aboriginal Justice Concepts in Contemporary Canadian Society  
Elementary Justice: Introducing the Principles of the YCJA to Children... Kindergarten-Grade 1  
Elementary Justice: Introducing the Principles of the YCJA to Children... Grades 2-3  
Elementary Justice: Introducing the Principles of the YCJA to Children... Grades 4-5  
Elementary Justice: Introducing the Principles of the YCJA to Children... A Lawyer's Guide  
Just Law: Teaching Youth About the Law in Their Lives  
Law 30 Information Kit  
R. v. Wyler: A Mock Trial Kit  
Teaching Human Rights  
Teaching Youth Justice (Includes YCJA Overview CD)  
Teacher's Resource CD-ROM  
Treaties and the Law (Backgrounder and Teacher Resource Guide)  
Understanding Parole  
YCJA Overview for Educators  
"Purple Bear, Yellow Bear" Anti-discrimination Colouring Book

\* currently available in electronic format only at [www.plea.org](http://www.plea.org)

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